

## OHV Trail Riding by District

### Cascade

Dense forest is the striking setting for the **Telephone Ridge area**, located about 8 miles south of Warm Lake. Approximately 20 miles of single track trails and some ATV trails (maximum vehicle width 50 inches) are available. Trails are marked, but not rated. Staging can be done at Shoreline and Warm Lake campgrounds and Vulcan Trailhead. OHV's are allowed to enter and exit the campgrounds to access the designated trails. Due to the high elevation, the best time to visit this area is often later in the summer due to potential snow cover or drifts. Swimming and boating opportunities are available at Warm Lake. UTV riding is available on FS RD 478 to its terminus at Rice Lake trailhead. From there, single track trails are available. Terrain is a mix of loose dirt and hard pack.

Another option that provides stunning views from the ridge is the **East Mountain Trail (#099)**. This designated ATV trail is accessed primarily off FS RD 409 when driven from south to north. Roughly 17 miles in length, this trail has multiple trailheads. For details, contact the Cascade Ranger Station at 208-382-7400 or use the Cascade Ranger District Motor Vehicle Use Map.

### Emmett

Located north of scenic Sagehen Reservoir, the **Sagehen ATV Trail System** connects 13 different ATV trails together to create a network of approximately 19 miles of trail opportunities. The trails vary in length from .4 to 3.7 miles in length. In addition, there are two single track trails in the vicinity. The West Mountain Trail (#131) is 5.2 miles in length and Joe's Creek Trail (#137) is 1.96 miles in length and joins the West Mountain Trail. Maximum vehicle width is 50 inches. These forested trails are marked, but not rated. Terrain is primarily loose dirt with some steep hills and plenty of shade. Seven campgrounds are located around the reservoir and in close proximity to many of the access points for the ATV trails.

Also, within 3 miles of the Sagehen Reservoir is the **KYAOTT ATV Trail System**, which consists of designated 50 inches or less trails and roads, identified on the MVUM. The actual ATV trail (#341A/B/C) is 7.85 miles in length. All motorized trails are marked with signs at road junctions.

Additionally, opportunities for OHV riding in the **Middle Fork area** consist of the Bear Wallow Trail (#035), roads that were converted to 50 inches or less trails, and numerous single track trails. For details, contact the Emmett Ranger Station at 208-365-7000 or use the Emmett Ranger District Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM).

### Idaho City

Located about an hour north of Boise, the **Idaho City Ranger District** offers over 4,000 acres of premier forest riding with about 500 miles of designated single-track trails. Other roads are open to all vehicles. There are multiple trailheads and several designated campgrounds from which to choose. The trails are marked, but not rated. Terrain is mostly loose dirt with some rocks, water crossings and lots of shade.

The Granite Creek picnic site is a staging area to access the North Fork Boise River Road (327), which leads to the Bald Mountain area. This area provides multiple single track and OHV roads for a variety of riding options. For details, contact the Idaho City Ranger Station at 208-392-6681 or use an Idaho City Motor Vehicle Use Map.

## Lowman

The Lowman Ranger District boasts a large roadless area that is one of the gems of the district. The 35-mile **Kirkham Ridge** is one of the primary OHV trails in the area. This large region has three access points. The northern part is accessed at Bull Trout Campground but due to the high elevation it is often not accessible until mid-June due to snow. The central part of the trail system is accessed via Bonneville Campground, which also offers popular hot springs. There are two trails which begin at Warm Springs Airstrip-Warm Springs (12 miles long) and Link (9 miles long). ATV access is available in the southern section of the trail system about a mile east of the Lowman Ranger Station off Highway 21. During the ride, the trail intersects with several motorized and non-motorized trails. Also, these ATV trails change to single track trails in some locations so users should contact the Lowman Ranger Station at 208-259-3361 or use the Lowman Ranger District Motor Vehicle Use Map. Some sections of the Kirkham Ridge Trail traverse previously burned areas, mostly from the 1989 Lowman Fire. One of the most popular sections of trail in the Kirkham Ridge area is the Deadwood Ridge System. This includes the Deadwood Ridge Trail, Julie Creek Trail, Whitehawk Basin and Nellies Basin. Terrain is mostly loose dirt with some steep hills. Most of the trails in this area are best for intermediate to advanced riders.

## Mountain Home

The 60,000-acre **Danskin Mountains OHV Area** provides more than 150 miles of Off-Highway Motorcycles (OHM) and ATV trails in a mountainous, high desert setting of the Forest with fantastic views. Terrain consists primarily of hard pack and sandy trails winding through scrub brush with some shallow water crossings. ***Normally, trails are open to motorized and non-motorized uses. However, as of this writing (June 2014) the Danskin Mountains OHV Trails are closed to motorized and mechanized use due to ongoing trail rehabilitation work necessary from the 2013 Pony Fire. The area closure is anticipated to last through 2014. The trailheads are open for parking and non-motorized trail use.*** When open, motorized use is limited to OHMs and ATVs less than 48 inches wide on designated trails only. Many trails are limited to OHMs only and are marked as such. The trails vary in difficulty so there is something for all levels of riders. Each trail within the OHV Area is assigned a Trail Difficulty Rating that serves as a guideline in choosing trails best suited to each level of expertise. However, please remember this is only a guide and no trail should be assumed to be inherently “safe” for any rider. The trails are generally snow-free and accessible from April through November. Most motorized use occurs from April through June and again from September through November. The OHV Area is administered by the Mountain Home District of the Boise National Forest. It is managed in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management, Idaho Department of Lands and Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.

## **Danskin Mountains OHV Area Trailheads:**

**Bender Creek**-This trailhead provides the best OHM and ATV access on the western end of the area closest to Boise. It is fenced with a restroom on site.

**Willow Creek**-Provides access to OHM Only trails. No ATV trail access is available from this trailhead.

This is the most popular equestrian access point into the area. A restroom is on site. **Three Point**

**Mountain Access**-This is a popular site located partially on private land. Parking is limited and there are restrooms on site.

For details, contact the Mountain Home Ranger Station at 208-587-7961 or use a Mountain Home Ranger District Motor Vehicle Use Map.